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SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF 1ST US CAVALRY DIVISION TO NATO; THIRD CORRIGENDUM TO DPQ-77 UNITED STATES

1. THE UNITED STATES HAS DECIDED TO UPGRADE THE NATO SECRET

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STATUS OF ONE US ARMY DIVISION FROM "EARMARKED" TO "ASSIGNED" AND TO DESIGNATE IT AS THE INITIAL DIVISION OF A US RESERVE CORPS WITH PRIORITY OF EMPLOYMENT IN NORTHAG. THE 1ST US CAVALRY DIVISION HAS BEEN SELECTED FOR ASSIGNMENT. THIS CHANGE REFLECTS ADMINISTRATION'S FIRM COMMITMENT TO NATO READINESS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LTDP AND THE EMPHASIS ON NATO DEFENSE CONTAINED IN THE FY 1979

DEFENSE REPORT AND BUDGET REQUEST.

2. MISSION SHOULD TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO INFORM NATO AUTHORITIES AND ALLIED DELEGATIONS OF THIS DECISION AND OF OUR ASSIGNMENT OF FIRST US CAVALRY AS PART OF THE AFCENT RESERVE WITH PRIORITY OF EMPLOYMENT IN NORTHAG. FYI. MISSION ALSO SHOULD PRESS FOR EARLY NATO INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING FOR POMCUS FACILITIES. IN THIS CONNECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY ALREADY HAS PREPARED AN INFRASTRUCTURE REQUEST FOR FACILITIES TO ACCOMMODATE THE INITIAL DIVISION SET OF POMCUS. EARLY INFRASTRUCTURE

FUNDING IS ESSENTIAL TO CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR POMCUS. END FYI.

- 3. THIS THIRD CORRIGENDUM TO DPQ-77 UNITED STATES SHOULD BE RECORDED BY FOLLOWING PEN AND INK CHANGES:
- (A) MEMORANDUM, PAGE 3, LINE 5: DELETE "FIVE" AND "FOUR" AND SUBSTITUTE "SIX" AND "THREE" SO PARENTHETICAL PHRASE BEGINS, "SIX ASSIGNED, THREE EARMARKED...".
- (B) MEMORANDUM, PAGE 4, LINE 14: FIRST WORD SHOULD BE "THREE" VICE "FOUR".
- (C) FORCES SECTION (TABLE 1), PAGE A-1: LINE 7 SHOULD BE SECRET

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RENUMBERED 7A, AND A NEW LINE 7 INSERTED BEFORE IT READING, "ARMORED, A-5" AND REFLECTING ONE DIVISION AT END 78 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER; LINE 13 SHOULD BE CHANGED TO SHOW 6 VICE 5 DIVISIONS IN END 78 TO END 82; IN LINE 15, DELETE THE ARMORED DIVISION FOR END 78 TO END 82, AND REDUCE THE DIVISION TOTAL IN LINE 20 FROM 4 TO 3 IN COLUMNS COVERING END 78 TO END 82.

(D) FORCES SECTION (ANNEX TO TABLE 1), PAGE A-25: CHANGE DESIGNATION FROM "NATO EARMARKED" TO "NATO ASSIGNED.".

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